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For: IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS AND  
AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE CONTROL  
CORRECTING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Official Action mailed January 11, 2006, and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated May 16, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, and 6-9, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.